

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Monday, the 15th day of August, 1881.

GAMING AND LOTTERIES BILL.

REASONS for the Legislative Council disagreeing to certain amendments made by the House of Representatives in the Gaming and Lotteries Bill:—

The new clause introduced by the House, as section 9, is objected to, because,—

- (1.) The words “licensed premises,” and “betting house,” and “game,” have no defined meaning.
- (2.) It makes it penal to keep a book for entering or recording therein any “game.”
- (3.) Because it makes it penal to invite any person to make a bet, whereas making a bet is not illegal.

The striking out of section 15 is objected to, because the Council is of opinion that one of the most effective modes of putting down sweepstakes and lotteries is to prevent their being advertised by placards and in newspapers.

The new clause 49 is objected to, because it does not defer the coming into operation of the Act sufficiently long.

The Council propose,—

- (1.) To omit new clause 9.
- (2.) To amend clause 15 by the addition of the words, “This section shall not apply to or affect newspapers which are not printed in New Zealand, and the proprietors whereof are not resident therein.”
- (3.) To amend clause 49 by striking out the words “November, 1881,” and inserting in lieu thereof the words “January, 1882.”

NOTICES RELATING TO ORDERS OF THE DAY.

DIVORCE AND MATRIMONIAL CAUSES ACT 1867 AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. STEWART to move the following new clause:—

In section eighteen of Part II. of “The Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Act, 1867,” there shall be inserted, after the words “or upwards,” “or of desertion without reasonable cause for seven years or upwards,” and the said section shall be read and construed as if such words were inserted therein accordingly.